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TAGS:PINR, XR, ZP
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL FBIS STAFFING
1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTEREST IN IMPROVING INTELLI-
GENCE COLLECTION OF THE MUSLIM WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE "ARC
OF CRISIS" AREA OF THE MIDDLE EAST, HAS GENERATED ADDITIONAL
TASKING OF FBIS (FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE)
OPEN SOURCE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA. CONGRESS
HAS SUPPORTED THIS NEED WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
3. PART OF THE FBIS PLAN IS TO INCREASE ITS GULF BUREAU
STAFFING BY ADDING ONE U.S. STAFF EDITOR AND SEVEN
FOREIGN NATIONAL EMPLOYEES (SIX MONITORS AND A TELETYPIST)
T PROVIDE RELIABLE COVERAGE OF NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN,
THE ARAB GULF STATES, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN IRANIAN RE-
GIONAL RADIOS AND SIX SOVIET CENTRAL ASIAN REGIONAL RADIOS.
4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS PROPOSED INCREASE IN FBIS GULF
STAFFING IS AGREEABLE TO YOU. CHRISTOPHER
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